



## **WEST COVENTRY ACADEMY CAREERS NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2022**

Welcome to this term's Careers Newsletter, where I hope to share some exciting careers information for students to experience even from the comfort of their own home.

In each tutor room, there will now be a Yr 11 Careers Noticeboard where useful information will be displayed. Reminders about the various Open Days will be given via their tutors plus I will include opportunities especially via Teams so please encourage your son or daughter to take responsibility to look regularly, so they don't miss out.

All Year 11 students will see me for a minimum of one Careers interview, where they will be given the opportunity to discuss their ideas. There will be visiting speakers talking about post 16 & 18 options and we will revisit CV Writing and preparing for Interviews as we hope to organise for everyone to attend a mock interview with professionals from a variety of business. This proved so successful last year! More Information will follow.

Please may I also remind you to access the Careers Tab on the school's website

([https://www.westcoventryacademy.org/life\\_at\\_school/careers.aspx](https://www.westcoventryacademy.org/life_at_school/careers.aspx)) as there is information for Students & Parents with useful links to Careers:-

### **New 2022/23 FREE parents careers guides - register today via SUCCESS at SCHOOL**

<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/parents-careers-guides>



### **FE Open Evenings & Applications**

West Coventry Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form will be giving lots of information shortly on the courses and application process into 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Students and parents will be advised and all information will be on the school's website. There will be lots of support and discussion with each student.

I have included on the Careers area on the school's website all the local College & Apprenticeship Open Day/evenings for this Autumn Term.

Coventry College – <https://www.coventrycollege.ac.uk/>

Warwickshire College – Campuses – Leamington Spa, Rugby, Warwick Trident (Engineering) and Moreton Morrell (Land-based, Animal Management Courses) - <https://wcg.ac.uk/>

Solihull College - <https://www.solihull.ac.uk/>

Stratford upon Avon College - <https://www.stratford.ac.uk/>

NWSLC – North Warwickshire & South Leicestershire College - <https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/>



## **APPRENTICESHIPS –**

National Apprenticeship Week is 6-12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and more focused events will be available then. It is always stressed to have a Plan B as apprenticeships are competitive.

### **IBM Apprenticeships Information Webinar**

**12 October 2022 at 6.30-7.15pm**

(for students in years 10 to 13, parents are welcome to join)

[Book your place today](#) Join the FREE insight webinar organised by Team@Successat School in partnership with IBM to find out about their apprenticeship opportunities.

### **PwC Women in STEM Webinar**

**19 October 2022 at 6.30-7.15pm**

(for parents, career leaders, and students who identify as female in years 10 to 13)

[Book your place today](#) Join the FREE insight webinar organised by Team@Successat School in partnership with PwC to find out about opportunities in technology and accounting.

## **CURRENT APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES to apply for Aug/Sept 2023 Start –**

As a rule, the larger employers advertise much earlier on as they are so competitive and there are often quite a few stages to achieve before finally clinching that role. Others advertise as/when they need someone, but many do start from late Spring/Summer Term so ideal for any Year 11 Leavers interested in the Apprenticeship route.

Some students will want to achieve a degree apprenticeship which is offered in Year 13 so 6<sup>th</sup> form is a good route to take.

Some Advanced Apprenticeships requiring GCSEs Grade 4/5s+ but offering excellent Progression, located on the Govt apprenticeship Website (see below) so please search, create an account & apply:-

There is a general Government Apprenticeship website to look & apply -

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Also look at Employer's own websites as to what is on offer. The above is not an exhaustive list and young people need to do their own research or send speculative CVs to Employers.

There are local colleges (see above for Colleges' websites) and Training Providers who have links with Employers and support students in their Apprenticeships so students can apply/register an interest direct to them.

**JLR Advanced Apprenticeship in Manufacturing/Automotive L3** – Applications will open January 2023 so please be aware, Register Your interest Now & apply. Entry – 5 x GCSEs including Maths & English Grade 4s+

<https://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/content/Advanced-Apprenticeship/>

**Severn Trent (Coventry)** offering Office-Based – Various and Practical/Technical Apprenticeships different levels. Register an Interest.

<https://www.severntrent.com/careers/graduates-undergraduates-and-apprentices/apprenticeships/>

## **VARIOUS via Coventry College & other local Colleges**



This will not be as easy as previous years and young people need to be 'Job Ready', equipped with the necessary skills and mind-set of working for an employer and learning. At this stage, its about registering an Interest as the majority of vacancies are advertised late Spring/summer Term.

### **Engineering - MGTS & MTC Academy**

Both specialise in providing & training young people in engineering. This is normally a 4 year programme where paid by the employer but spends the 1<sup>st</sup> year of training solely at the Training Centre/Provider.

Entry Requirements Maths – 5 & 4s including English Language & Science

<https://www.mgts.co.uk/> This Training provider solely trains young people and has strong links with local Employers wanting to recruit Engineering Apprentices. For further information, they are offering some Drop in sessions, one during Half Term **Tues 26<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 2pm and Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November 4-7pm**. Students need to be working towards a Grade 5 particularly in Maths and min 5 x Grade 4s including English Language & Science. MTC Academy (Engineering) [www.the-mtc.org](http://www.the-mtc.org) 02476701801- <https://the-amtc.co.uk/apprenticeships/for-apprentices/open-events/> **Dates TBA but normally 6-8pm**

CWCT Coventry & Warwickshire Training – (Various Vocational areas – HD, Business Admin, Accounting, Childcare, IT etc) <https://www.cw-chambertraining.co.uk/>

Heart of England Training – HOET – (Various including Hair & Beauty, School, Business Admin) - <https://www.hoet.co.uk/>

SCCU – (School, Childcare, IT, Business, Sports apprenticeships) - <https://sccu.uk.com/training-programmes/stn-apprenticeships/>

### **KS4 VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Unfortunately school were unable to facilitate Work experience, as we know it, last year and also this year for Year 10 students, however, there have been and continue to be some virtual Work Experience placements being offered where students can register to attend. It may be during a half term holiday or on a Saturday or working a few extra hours, so please read up on any offers. These are normally offered via a platform such as Teams or Zoom and encourages students to develop Independence, Teamwork, Resilience plus demonstrates to prospective Employers that they took up opportunities and gained Confidence along the way.

### **Speakers4Schools**

These offer a variety of Virtual Work Experience opportunities throughout the year so I would recommend signing up to see what there is on offer for your son/daughter to take part in. Please encourage your son/daughter to register to look through and apply for anything of interest- encourage them to widen their search & be open to experience. <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

### **Springpod**

<https://www.springpod.co.uk/virtual-work-experience-programmes/> Another platform to take part in some Virtual Work experience (some on offer include Journalism, Law, Finance, Marketing, Teaching, employability

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and please do remember to use the careers link on the website (Life at school – Careers) for further information and upcoming events.



Yours sincerely,

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